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Bura language

Bura-Pabir (also known as Bura, Burra, Bourrah, Pabir, Babir, Babur, Barburr, Mya Bura, Kwojeffa, Huve, Huviya) is a Chadic language spoken in Nigeria. Dialects are Pela, Bura Pela, Hill Bura, Hyil Hawul, Bura Hyilhawul, and Plain Bura.[1]

Bura has been reported to contrast a voiceless palatal lateral fricative, [ʎ̥] (ʎ̥ˑ), which is quite rare. There are thus five laterals in Bura: [l ʎ ɬ ɮ ʎ̥], though [ʎ̥] can be analyzed as a palatalized fricative, /ɬʲ/. Apart from this, its inventory is much like the very complex system of Margi.

Bura	
Bura-Pabir	
Native to	Nigeria
Region	Borno State, Adamawa State
Native speakers	(250,000 cited 1987)[1]
Language family	Afro-Asiatic ▪ Chadic ▪ Biu–Mandara ▪ Bura–Higi ▪ Bura languages (A.2) ▪ **Bura**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	bwr
Glottolog	bura1292 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/bura1292)[2]
Linguasphere	18-GBB-d (-da -db -dc)

See also

- Bura Sign Language

Notes

1. Bura (https://www.ethnologue.com/18/language/bwr/) at *Ethnologue* (18th ed., 2015)
2. Hammarström, Harald; Forkel, Robert; Haspelmath, Martin, eds. (2017). "Bura-Pabir" (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/bura1292). *Glottolog 3.0*. Jena, Germany: Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History.

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